

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below and consideration of the remarks which follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following corrections to the Specification.

At page 4, line 5, please insert the phrase --or non-metallic-- between the words metallic and alkoxide.

At page 4, line 5, please delete the word "metallic" before the word "alkoxide".

Beginning at page 4, line 5, please delete the phrase "an alkali metal" and substitute the phrase --a metal or non-metal-- therefore.

At page 4, line 6, please delete the phrase "alkali metal" and substitute the phrase --metal or non-metal-- therefore.

At page 4, line 8, please delete the phrase "alkali metal" and substitute the phrase --metal or non-metal-- therefore.

At page 4, line 9, please delete the phrase "alkali metal" and substitute the phrase --metal or non-metal-- therefore.

At page 4, line 11, please delete the phrase "alkali metal" and substitute the phrase --metal or non-metal-- therefore.

At page 4, line 17, please insert the phrase --or non-metallic-- between the words metallic and alkoxide.

At page 4, line 23, please insert the phrase --or non-metallic-- between the words metallic and alkoxide.